AN ACT concerning

Election Code - Election Reports

FOR the purpose of providing that election reports shall be filed at the times and on the forms prescribed even if no contributions or expenditures have been made since the end of the last reporting period; changing the deadlines for filing certain election reports; requiring that a final election report must be filed and must be clearly marked as such.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 — Election Code Section 26-11(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 26-11(a) of Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

26-11.

A candidate for nomination or election to (a) public or party office, including write-in candidates, and the treasurer designated by that candidate shall file the report or statement of contributions and expenditures as prescribed in accordance with §26-12 of this article with the board at which the candidate filed his certificate of candidacy. Election reports as specified below are required by all candidates for public or party office whether or not the candidate's name appears on the primary ballot, the candidate withdraws subsequent to filing his certificate of candidacy, or the candidate is unsuccessful in the election. Each report filed shall contain all contributions received and expenditures made in furtherance of the candidate's nomination or election the candidate himself or, with the knowledge of the candidate, by any other person or groups of persons, through and including the seventh day immediately preceding the day by which that report is to be filed. The initial report filed shall contain all contributions so received and expenditures so made since the date of the last preceding election to fill the office for which he is a candidate. Each subsequent report shall contain all contributions so received and expenditures so made since the end of the period for which the last preceding is filed. EVEN IF NO CONTRIBUTIONS OR report EXPENDITURES HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE THE END OF THE PERIOD WHICH THE LAST PRECEDING REPORT WAS FILED. A STATEMENT TO THAT E-FFECT MUST BE FILED ON THE FORMS